

## LOCAL.

A man went into business once,  
His ad. didn't show it.  
He kept his secret hid for months,  
The world didn't know it.  
Till finally, he died one day,  
But no one chanced to pass that way,  
So he shrivelled up and blew away,  
But the world—didn't know it.  
Good Roads.

S. T. Hitting visited Roswell Monday.  
The CURRENT wants a correspondent  
at a Ota.

Will Prager, of Roswell, was in town  
last Saturday.

W. W. Ogle made a business trip to  
El Paso this week, returning yesterday.

The streets of Roswell presented a  
very muddy spectacle after the sleet  
and rain of last week.

County Commissioner Monroe was  
in town Monday with a load of Indian  
corn, which he sold at \$1.00 per 100.

Mr. Ed King had the misfortune to  
break his leg above ankle Saturday  
last. He is doing well and will soon  
be out.

Mrs. Smith, mother of E. Hurd Smith,  
arrived Sunday with little son and will  
occupy the McMillan residence in La  
Huerta.

Lee Vaughn, of Weed, took out a  
new threshing machine last week to  
work in the mountains where there is  
plenty of grain.

J. E. Crizer and H. H. Lyle, of Alle-  
gany, Va., passed through Monday for  
Roswell, where they will remain with  
relatives for the summer.

Chief Engineer Ballard, of the Pecos  
Valley railway, moved yesterday into  
the dwelling recently vacated by Jeff  
N. Miller, on Canal avenue.

F. D. Adams, of River Falls, Wis.,  
who has been stopping in Eddy with  
E. J. Glover for a month past, left last  
Saturday for Charleston, S. C.

The best bogs ever received from  
New Mexico in Ft. Worth were by the  
buyers said to be a bunch recently ship-  
ped by Ehrle & Every of Ots.

S. S. Mendenhall will start out a  
week from Monday with a party of  
surveyors to locate the line of the ex-  
tension of the railway from Roswell to  
Amarillo.

County Commissioner Rheinbold  
talks of moving back to his old home  
near Cincinnati, Ohio. He is there at  
present but will probably be unable to  
settle up affairs here before next Jan-  
uary.

The famous comedy "The Destrict  
Skule," will be given at the court house  
February 18th, at 8 o'clock sharp.  
Many prominent citizens will take part  
and a most enjoyable evening is prom-  
ised. Admission 50c, children 25c, at  
the door. Everyone cordially welcomed.

J. L. Dow left last Friday evening  
for El Paso to take the trail of the  
murderers of Col. Fountain and son, if  
his services are needed, as did also C.  
C. Perry of Roswell. With two such  
men as Charley Perry and Les Dow  
after them, besides the posses already  
in pursuit, the chances are good for a  
capture.

Word was received this week by the  
company officials that a contract had  
been closed to build a canning factory  
in Eddy, the capacity of which will be  
equal to any other in the country. The  
beet sugar factory seems an assured  
fact also, and with the extension of  
the railway promises to live times up  
in the valley shortly.

Sheriff Walker should have the  
thanks of the citizens for improving  
the walks around the court house block  
and through the yards. When com-  
pleted this will be one of the models  
for the people to follow in lot improve-  
ments. The level of the whole block  
will be slightly above the bottom of  
the irrigating ditch, thereby making  
the work of irrigating the yard small  
but perfect.

W. G. Hamilton returned Monday  
from a visit to Roswell, where he was  
called to the bedside of his brother, W.  
H. Hamilton, who received severe in-  
juries by his horse falling on him about  
two weeks ago. At the time of the ac-  
cident the injuries were not supposed to  
be dangerous, but on account of the  
spine being hurt, the sufferer did not  
improve but he is doing well at present  
and it is hoped will shortly be able to  
be about.

R. W. Tansill, Jr., died last Thursday  
night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.  
S. Motter, in La Huerta, of con-  
sumption. Mr. Tansill came here a few  
weeks ago from Kingston, N. Y., and  
his parents came in from Chicago a  
few days preceding his death. The  
remains were accompanied to Chicago  
by the bereaved widow, and also the  
mother of the deceased. The physi-  
cians decided that Mr. Tansill, father  
of the deceased, should remain on ac-  
count his health.

E. D. Bean loaded his household and  
jewelry store effects on a car last Sat-  
urday, and with his family left town  
Sunday for Bedford, Ia., where he has  
a position on a salary, besides an op-  
portunity to work up a business. When  
Mr. Bean came here a few years ago he  
was quite poorly with lung trouble, but  
he has grown stout and is loud in his  
praise of this climate. He will endorse  
the climate and country to all who seek  
a healthy place for affections of the  
breathing organs.

## THE FOUNTAIN KILLING.

### Two Alleged Cattle Rustlers Whose Whereabouts are Unknown.

United States Marshal Hall, of New  
Mexico, who is in El Paso, says that  
there is no doubt that Colonel Fountain  
and his little boy were murdered  
in New Mexico, about five miles from  
where the buckboard was found and  
the bodies were buried in the moun-  
tains, by thieves whom the attorney  
prosecuted for cattle stealing. He says  
that the posses have practically given  
up the search. Announcement comes  
from Las Cruces, however, that Thom-  
Fountain and a party of Indian trailers  
are at work.

Les Dow the detective who made ar-  
rests of alleged cattle rustlers, is in El  
Paso. He states that two of the men  
indicted at Lincoln, Messrs. McNew  
and Lee have not been located. Mc-  
New gave bond at Las Cruces but Lee  
did not, and both disappeared before  
the Fountain killing. It has been  
learned, however, that McNew stayed  
last Saturday night at the old Alamo  
ranch in Texas east of El Paso, below  
the point of the Guadalupe mountain.

In addition to the \$1,500 reward of-  
fered by Governor Thornton for the  
arrest of the murderers, the people of  
Roswell have subscribed a generous  
sum.

It is reported that Marshall Hall of  
Santa Fe, is in El Paso, not merely to  
watch the prize fighters, but to consult  
with trusty deputies from southeastern  
New Mexico relative to capturing the  
murderers of Colonel Fountain. A  
prominent citizen of this city says that  
in all of the twenty years he has been  
here, he has not known of so dastardly  
a murder. It equals anything that the  
Indians have done. —El Paso Herald.

## PROCLAMATION.

Executive Office.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 7, 1896.

Whereas, on or about the First day  
of February, 1896, Albert J. Fountain  
and his son, Henry Fountain, were kid-  
napped by unknown parties, supposed  
to be three in number, on the road be-  
tween Tularosa and San Augustine, in  
the county of Dona Ana, and have  
either been murdered or carried cap-  
tive into the San Francisco or Gua-  
dalupe mountains, as indicated by the  
trail leading in that direction:

Now, therefore, for the purpose of  
securing their speedy release if alive  
or the discovery of their bodies if dead,  
and the arrest and conviction of their  
murderers, I, W. T. Thornton, governor  
of the Territory of New Mexico, by  
virtue of the authority in me vested,  
do issue this proclamation calling upon  
all good citizens of the Territory, and  
especially of the counties of Dona Ana,  
Lincoln, Eddy and Chaves, to turn out  
and aid the authorities in searching  
for the said A. J. Fountain and son  
alive, and their bodies if dead, and that  
thorough search be made through all  
the eastern portion of Dona Ana and  
the southern portion of Lincoln, and  
the western portion of the counties of  
Chaves and Eddy, and that all due effort  
be made to rescue the victims and  
bring the criminals to justice.

The crime perpetrated is so grave  
and heinous that it behoves all good  
citizens who desire to see crime stop-  
ped and the guilty punished to turn  
out and do their whole duty, and as far  
as possible protect the honor and reputation  
of our Territory by promptly  
discovering and bringing to punish-  
ment the guilty parties.

W. T. THORNTON,  
Governor of New Mexico.

## \$100 REWARD!

LAS CRUCES, February 8, 1896.

A reward of \$100 cash will be paid  
by Aztec Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M.,  
of Las Cruces, New Mexico, for the de-  
livery of the body of Col. Albert J.  
Fountain, dead or alive, to the above  
mentioned lodge.

A further reward of \$100 cash will  
be paid by the same lodge for the body  
of his son, Henry, dead or alive delivered  
to the said lodge.

A further reward of \$500 cash will  
be paid by the same lodge for the arrest  
and conviction of the parties con-  
cerned in the abduction and supposed  
murder of said Col. A. J. Fountain and  
son, Henry.

Above rewards are in addition to  
those offered by Governor Thornton  
for the arrest and conviction of the  
supposed murderers of Col. A. J. Fountain  
and son Henry.

ELIAS E. DAY.

W. M. of Aztec Lodge, No. 3,  
Attest: A. F. and A. M.

HENRY STOLS, Secretary.

## Entertainment at Flores.

The following is the program for the  
entertainment to be given at the Flor-  
ence school house Sunday night, Febru-  
ary 16th:

Mode.

Bible Reading.

Prayer.

Wreathes To All.

Music.

Things I See.

Washington.

The Road Seller's Patriotic.

Music.

The Old Man's Story.

The Widow.

Music.

A Stray Sunbeam.

Music.

How It Pays.

Music.

Everybody cordially invited.

## THE RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Word was received by General Manager Franklin Monday, from President J. J. Haugman, to at once order the Pecos Valley railway engineer, Mr. Ballard, and corps of assistants, in the field to make the final location survey for the extension of the Pecos Valley railway from Roswell to Amarillo, Texas. The General Manager left on Tuesday's train for Roswell, accompanied by the company attorney, Mr. Campbell, to arrange to put the surveyors in the field for the final work before the grading can commence. If the location work is pushed with the same speed it was between here and Roswell we may look for dirt to fly within ninety days.

## ALONZO LUCKY INSANE.

Dr. Bearup received a letter last  
week from Geo. W. Lucky, father of  
Alonzo Lucky, for several years a  
resident of Eddy and at one time manager  
of the company. Mr. Lucky says that acting  
under the advice of physicians he has at last had his son, Alonzo, confined in the asylum for the insane  
at Kankakee, Ill. Lucky was for many  
years a prosperous fellow and stood  
high in Masonic circles, being one of  
the best posted Masons in this part of  
the country. He held many lucrative  
positions and at one time was reputed  
to be worth considerable money, though  
of late years his friends noticed a very  
strong disposition to nervous dementia.  
He left here some three months ago,  
since which time the who were ne-  
glected with him were at a loss to know  
what had become of him.

Rev. Kempker desires the Commis-  
sioner to state that the public generally, is invited to St. Edwards Sundays at 10 a.m., when a sermon is preached in English. Last Sunday the sermon was of exceptional merit and was from the 13th chapter of Matthew, 4th to 8th verse. The reverend gentleman is meeting with good success in his work, which success is due largely to the able assistance of the public, without regard to sect.

A. C. Campbell, general solicitor for  
the company, went to Pecos last night  
returning to-day.

Grand Chancellor Commander C. E. Perry, from Las Vegas, arrived in  
Eddy on Monday's train to make an  
official visit to Eddy Lodge No. 21, and  
was met at the depot by a large delegation  
of knights and escorted to the  
Hagerman hotel, where, after dinner he,  
with other knights, was driven around Eddy and made a trip to the  
six mile dam, which he enjoyed  
highly and complimented our beauti-  
ful country very highly. At night he  
made an official visit to the lodge and  
witnessed the initiation of Page, Al McCallum and Esquires Jesse Bascom, Jr.  
and Ezra McFallum. This beautiful  
ceremony received a splendid compliment  
from the grand chancellor. About  
12 o'clock, after the ceremonies, the  
knights repaired to the ante rooms and,  
with the grand chancellor seated at the  
head of the table enjoyed a grand ban-  
quet, lots of soda water and other refresh-  
ments were despatched in the course  
of the evening and brilliant toasts were  
proposed by Messrs. Murray, Kinsler,  
Cameron, Greene and others. The  
grand chancellor made a happy speech  
which was well received. After the  
banquet a side degree was given to Mr.  
Ezra McFallum which created great  
amusement and the knights retired to  
their home in the "wee sma" hours well  
pleased with their grand chancellor's  
visit which was reciprocated by Grand  
Chancellor Perry. Grand Chancellor Perry  
left Tuesday evening to visit the  
Roswell lodge and will then go on to  
Lincoln, Gallup and other lodges.

**THE SELMAN-HARDIN CASE.**  
The case is to be given to the jury  
this afternoon, and a verdict is expect-  
ed before 6 o'clock.

The evidence as offered was the  
same as given before Justice Howe.

The witnesses for the state were re-  
called today, Frank Patterson, bar-  
keeper for the Acme saloon, testified  
to seeing Hardin leaning with both  
hands on the counter and with his back  
to Selman when the latter fired. Dr.  
Sherard testified to seeing Hardin enter-  
ing the back of Hardin's head. Shorty Anderson testified to seeing Hardin sud-  
denly throw his hand upon his gun  
and start to turn around; and Captain  
Carr testified to finding the dead man's  
right hand resting near the handle of  
his pistol which had been caught in his  
clothing while being pulled out.—El  
Pecos Herald.

Later—the jury has as yet failed to  
agree.

## Last Coming.

Next Sunday is Quinquagesima Sunday.  
The Wednesday following is Ash Wednesday,  
so named, because on that day the Catholic church blesses ashes  
and sprinkles them over her faithful,  
saying: "Remember man, that thou art  
dust, and to dust thou shalt return." As ashes are a symbol of death this  
ceremony is to remind us how quickly  
death puts an end to all earthly rejoicings.  
With this day the church ushers in the season of Lent, of penance and  
fasting, first that we may imitate the  
forty days fast of our Savior, and sec-  
ondly, that by mortifying ourselves we  
may more easily conquer the world  
the flesh and the devil and rise to a  
new, virtuous and true Christian life in  
Jesus.

## Resolutions of Rep. Co.

The death of Mrs. Hodgeman, which  
occurred Jan. 30th, is much regretted  
by the entire community and the following  
resolutions were passed in yes-  
terday:

At a regular meeting of the Ladies'  
Aid Society of the M. E. Church, south  
of Roswell, in the death of Sister Eliza-  
beth A. Hodgeman this society has lost  
one of its oldest and most helpful  
members, be it

Resolved, that we bow with humble  
submission to the decree which released  
our sister from the pangs of untold suf-  
fering and removed her into that other  
room in our Father's house, where  
there shall be no more sorrow or pain.

Resolved, that we seek to emulate  
her virtues of patience, kindness and  
usefulness in our homes and in our inter-  
course with each other.

Resolved, that we, as a society, and  
as individuals, offer our heart-felt sym-  
pathy to each member of the house-  
hold that has been called to pass under  
the rod, and remind them that "Whom  
the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

Resolved, that a copy of these reso-  
lutions be sent to family of our de-  
ceased sister.

Fred J. Miller, who came in yester-  
day from the northern portion of the  
territory where he has been prospecting  
for a location to open up a mercantile  
business, says there is no place like  
the Pecos Valley. He further stated  
that an outfit from Antone Chico, on  
the Pecos above Ft. Sumner, is now  
putting in a steam shearing station  
which shears and dips sheep at eight  
cents per head. Fred will probably  
engage in business at Sumner. He  
found people from fifty miles of Ros-  
well going to Las Vegas to trade, while  
the Roswell merchants offer better  
rates for goods.

Send your cars to J. H. Gilmore and  
have them filled with gasoline for \$1.50.

F. Dominick, who is at present in  
Geneva, Switzerland, writes that the  
big storm which recently visited that  
country has about decided him to re-  
turn to the Pecos Valley where the  
climate is more salubrious. Mr. Do-  
minick has considerable business inter-  
ests here which undoubtedly pay well,  
and being a good live business man it  
would seem that he would remain here  
permanently.

Clin H. Ragsdale came down from  
Roswell yesterday and leaves for New  
York to-night to purchase a spring and  
summer stock of goods for the Joyce  
Pratt & Co. houses.

## St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Mass and sermon every Sunday at  
10 o'clock, to which all citizens are in-  
vited. Mass on week days at 8 o'clock.

HERMAN KEMPER, Pastor.

## Old People.

Old people who require medicines to  
regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the  
true remedy in Electric Bitters. This  
medicine does not stimulate and contains  
no whisky nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, aiding  
strength and giving tone to the organs